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E.O. LL652: GDS
TAGS: PARM, UK
SUBJECT: UNSSOD: NUCLEAR ACCIDENTS PROPOSAL

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L. WE CONVEYED POINTS CONCERNING U.S. PROPOSAL (REFTEL)
TO MALLABY, HEAD OF FCO'S ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT
OFFICE, MORNING OF MAY 8. MALLABY RESPONDED THAT PRO-
POSAL WOULD BE A USEFUL GESTURE IN UNSSOD CONTEXT AND
PROMISED EARLIEST POSSIBLE RESPONSE.
2. LATE IN AFTERNOON, MALLABY PHONED EMBOFF WITH
BRITISH "OFFICIAL LEVEL" CONCURRENCE IN U.S. PROPOSALS,
BUT ADDED THAT OFFICIAL LEVEL RECOMMENDATIONS WILL HAVE
TO BE APPROVED AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL, HOPEFULLY IN NEXT
FEW DAYS.
3. SPECIFICALLY, FCO REGARDS U.S. PROPOSAL AS AN
ATTRACTIVE IDEA WHICH SHOULD BE HELPFUL TO WESTERN STANCE
AT UNSSOD, THOUGH PERHAPS NOT EARTH-SHATTERING IN ITS OWN
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RIGHT. PROPOSAL IS EVIDENCE OF WILLINGNESS TO BRING PRC
INTO THE ARMS CONTROL PICTURE, WHICH IS BENEFICIAL IF IT
CAN BE ACHIEVED. THE FCO IS WILLING TO APPROACH THE PRC,
BUT BELIEVES IT ESSENTIAL THAT NEITHER THE CHINESE NOR
THE SOVIETS GAIN THE IMPRESSION THEY ARE BEING CONSULTED
AFTER THE OTHER. THEREFORE THE UK WILL WANT TO KNOW THAT
ITS APPROACH IS BEING DONE AT THE SAME TIME AS THE

(PRESUMABLY) U.S. APPROACH TO THE SOVIETS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON'S ASSURANCE THAT WE EN-
VISAGE PARALLEL US AND UK APPROACHES TO SOVIETS AND
CHINESE, RESPECTIVELY.

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